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The fact that Microsoft should be allowed to continue to utilize proprietary and undocumented file formats in its programs is the major issue I have with the proposed settlement. Were the file formats open and 'honest', other organizations (companies, or even clubs, hobbyists, and schools) would be able to build new and potentially ground-breaking products building off an existing base, and give other companies a chance to interoperate with Microsoft's.

As things stand, the massive market share held by Microsoft in the OS arena represents a gigantic barrier to entry preventing any other new business-related software from gaining a foothold in the market, which is rotten for consumer choice, and rotten for innovation.

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